



<p align="center">U.S. EXPRESS MAIL "POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE DEPOSIT INFORMATION</p> <p>Express Mail Label No.: <u>EV 316043126 US</u></p> <p>Date of Deposit: <u>January 17, 2006</u></p>

BRINKS
HOFER
GILSON
& LIONE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

W. Kroninger et al.

Serial No: 10/729,882

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: A Work Carrier And Method Of Processing A
Workpiece

Case No. 10808/116

Examiner: Mark A. Osele

Group Art Unit: 1734

Infineon Ref. No. In1263US

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, in the above-referenced application, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein.

An amendment to the Specification appears at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims appear in a listing of claims beginning at page 3 of this paper.

The Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.